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For: INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM FOR READ AHEAD BUFFER
MEMORY EQUIPPED WITH REGISTER AND MEMORY CONTROLLER

Group: ~~Not yet assigned~~ 2187

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, prior to line 1, please insert the following paragraph:

--This application is a Rule 53(b) continuation of U.S. Patent Serial Number 09/181,676, filed October 29, 1998, the subject matter of which is incorporated herein by reference.--